From Near and Far to Train at Belrose

MICHAEL LAZARUS

Michael Lazarus is one of the two married Students entering College this year. Michael, his wife Allison and seven months old Rebecca have recently shifted from Mittagong, N.S.W. to the Sydney suburb of Epping where Michael is attached to the parish for week-end and between term practical training. For the past seven years Michael has worked with the Department of Youth and Community Services as a Youth Worker. This has mainly involved working with teenagers and young children in need of full-time residential care. He previously worked as a technician with the Overseas Telecommunication Commission. Allison is a teacher specializing in migrant education and in particular, works with Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotian children. While keen to be equipped to work with all age groups, Michael is especially interested in Youth Evangelism with a particular interest in Camping ministry.

RUTH DEWDNEY

Ruth Dewdney is from Dunedin, New Zealand. Prior to entering College she worked with the Department of Social Welfare as a Social Worker involved mainly in areas of family counselling and child care. Ruth's family migrated to New Zealand from England in 1969. After completion of her secondary schooling she completed a Diploma in Physical Education at the University of Otago before going on to gain a Certificate in Social Work from the same University. Ruth has been an active parishioner in Dunedin and beyond the parish, has assisted in camping ministry with the Open-Air Campaigners and with Church Army Mission. While she is open to the leading of the Lord towards whatever ministry he has planned for her, she hopes that her training and work experience in both social welfare and evangelism may eventually open doors to a ministry to women prisoners in New Zealand gaols. Ruth has been appointed to Waverley parish for field training during 1981.

DENNIS CROWLEY

Dennis Crowley has come to Belrose from Virginia, U.S.A. He learnt about the ministry of the Church Army in the United States but also discovered that the Church Army in that country no longer runs a Training College. This, combined with a special interest in Australia, led him to visit Australia during 1980 to learn more about the ministry of the Church Army in Australia. Dennis has worked for some years as a Radio News Reporter and Talk Show Compere in Washington D.C. At Truro Episcopal Church in Fairfax Virginia he was involved in the parish Shepherding Programme, the Parish tape ministry and also assisted in a Religious Education Programme for elderley parishioners. As part of an "Air Force family" he has lived in various countries including Spain, Peuto Rico and South America. Naturally he has a special interest in the use of media in evangelism and hopes to eventually use his gifts in this or a similar area of ministry - "unless", as he says, "The Lord has other plans for me". Dennis is attached to Gordon Parish.

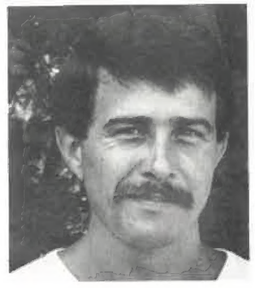
MARTIN ROBINSON

Until last year Martin Robinson was Administrative Assistant to the Director of the New Zealand Church Army. This year has seen him answer a call to move from supportive administration into areas of direct ministry. This has involved Martin and his wife Jan, selling their Auckland home and moving with their five children, Debbie (13), Sandi (11), Murray (10), Bryan (5), and Wendy (3), to live at Belrose not far from the College. This is Martin's second visit to Australia. In 1966 he travelled through Australia and while working on a cattle station in Central Queensland he met and married Jan. Their first two children were born in Australia before they settled in New Zealand. Martin's practical placement for 1981 is at Cammeray-Naremburn. He presently feels that the immediate task that lies ahead is to become equipped not just to "be an evangelist", but to be able to motivate and train laity for this and other areas of ministry.

FLAVIA HUGGINS

Flavia Huggins comes from Highett in Victoria. She worked with the Public Works Department as a Draftswoman mainly preparing working drawings for school buildings. Flavia has had a wide involvement in areas of youth ministry over the past few years. In her home parish she was a Leader of the Parish Youth Group. Beyond the parish she has contributed to the Gippsland Diocesan Camping programme leading children's camps at Ensay and Raymond Island and assisting in Leadership Training Weekends. She was also a member of Scripture Union's "Theo's Team" ministering among young holiday makers at Anglesea. Following many years of participating in Jazz Ballet to a Championship Standard, she has more recently taken an interest in the use of dance in contemporary worship. She was actively involved in the Christian Dance Fellowship. On weekends and between terms, Flavia will work in Paddington Parish for her practical training.

ROSS SANDON

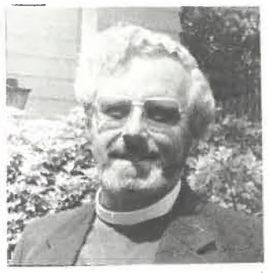


Ross Sandon is almost unique among this year's new Students. While others have come to Belrose from overseas, inter-state and from the country, Ross lives just five miles away at Dee Why. In the year prior to entering College, while saving towards the cost of his training, he worked with a roofing contractor and also did extra part-time shift work "putting push bikes together". Prior to this he had lived in Canberra where he worked as Caretaker/Handyman at St. John's, Reid. His ministry as a layman in Canberra included leadership of the parish C.E.B.S. group and involvement in the establishment and development of the Diocesan "Camp Pelican" programme in which he was particularly involved in Adventure Camping. Ross does his practical training at Fairy Meadow, near Wollongong. As well as parish ministry, he shares in the "Hamburger Hut Outreach" Programme, and visits the nearby Remand Centre.

4th Star for Sr. Campbell

Back in 1950 a small group of people were training together at the Church Army College of Adamstown. Four members of that group were Norman Polgen, Richard Gwilt, Noni Bridges and Eris Campbell. After thirty years all four are still working with or closely associated with Church Army in Australia. Church Army Officers receive a "Service Star" to recognise each seven years as a commissioned Officer. The special contribution of this particular group was formerly recognised at our last Staff Conference. However, at that time Sister Eris Campbell was ill and unable to attend to receive her fourth star personally. For this reason the opportunity was taken during our Annual General Meeting to make the presentation and to affirm the tremendous value of her ministry. The presentation was made by the Rev. Michael Turnbull, Chief Secretary of the English Church Army who was guest speaker at the Service which followed.

New Leader for New Zealand



Archdeacon Brian Jenkins, Rector of Devenport, Auckland has been appointed as the new Director of the Church Army in New Zealand. He succeeds Captain John Dewdney who has been Director for the past twelve years. Archdeacon Jenkins felt called to the ministry while at University. After completing his B.A., he obtained his L.Th. at St. John's Theological College, Auckland. He returned to University in 1963 to complete his M.A. Ordained in 1959 he has served in four parishes. He expresses an increasing personal conviction that the revitalisation of the Church will only come about through people being brought into a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and by corporate renewal of the Church. He sees his ministry widening from pastoral work to an emphasis on preaching and teaching, and believes that the Church Army is in a unique position to serve the Church, with all kinds of exciting possibilities for development and new initiatives.

Three New Officers

The 1981 Commissioning Service was held at St. Paul's, Chatswood on Dec. 6th. Bishop Geoffrey Parker, Assistant Bishop of Newcastle, acting on behalf of the Primate, admitted John Symons, Glen Scott and David Woodyard to the Office of Evangelist and the Federal Director commissioned them as Church Army Officers. Already encouraging reports are being received about their work in the Diocese of Rockhampton (John Symons), the Diocese of Grafton (Glen Scott) and the Diocese of Gippsland (David Woodyard).

DAY 9. Pray for Sister Pat Free in her Industrial Chaplaincy work at W.D. & H.O. Wills, Kensington, the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board, Arnotts Factory and Telecom Australia. Praise God for His provision of new avenues of service that enable the church to meet people where they work.

DAY 10. Pray for Captain John Harding and his wife Joan and their work in the parish of Moree. Praise God for His gift of baby Amanda Jane to the Hardings.

DAY 11. Pray for the Prison Evangelism of the Church Army. For Captain David Hinchliffe in his part-time ministry at Parramatta Gaol and the work of our Associate Evangelist, the Rev. Richard Gwilt at Fremantle Gaol, Western Australia. Thank God for the way in which prisoners throughout Australia are responding to the Gospel in an unprecedented way.

DAY 12. Pray for the Rev. Captain John McKnight in his work with the Network of Alcohol and Drug Agencies and his contribution at the College of Evangelism. Praise God for John's recent opportunity to travel overseas and see ways unknown to us in Australia to help dependent people.

DAY 13. Pray for the Rev. Graeme MacRobb, his wife Jenny and children Michael and Katrina in their ministry at the College of Evangelism.
Thank God for the increasing opportunities for Church Army to help parishes to understand their proper role and effectively become the Church at Mission.

Lay training at Yarrabah

DAY 14. Pray for Captain Arthur Malcolm, his wife Coleen and children Andrew and Ruth in their ministry at Yarrabah Aboriginal Settlement in North Queensland.
Praise God for the way in which a core of witnessing Christians are developing at that Settlement.

DAY 15. Pray for Captain Gilbert Page, for his wife Ruth and children Andrew, Katherine and Charis. Pray for God's guidance on his leadership of Church Army and his ministry as a Missioner, Teacher and Counsellor. Praise God for the increasing opportunities for Church Army to contribute to the training of laity throughout Australia.

DAY 16. Pray for the Rev. Captain Norman Polgen in his ministry to the people of Palm Island.
Praise God for His provision of the financial means for Church Army to train men and women for full-time ministry as Evangelists.

DAY 17. Pray for Captain Doug Quayle in his ministry as an Industrial Evangelist with the Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission.
Praise God for the increasing number of men and women applying to become Church Army Captains and Sisters.

DAY 18. Pray for the Students at the Church Army College of Evangelism, Belrose, N.S.W.
Praise God for the large response to our external studies programme.

DAY 19. Pray for Captain Brian Mattinson, his wife Barbara and children, Andrew, Christopher, Warrick and Stuart. Pray for his ministry to Officers in the field

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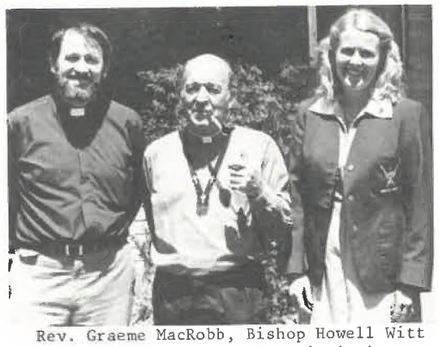
The Church Army was founded in England in 1882, by Prebendary Wilson Carlile. It is a lay Society of men and women Evangelists of the Anglican Communion. Other autonomous Societies were founded in the U.S.A. in 1927, Canada, 1928, Australia 1934, New Zealand 1935, Eastern Africa 1962, Jamaica 1969. Officers from some of these Societies are also at work in Germany, South America, South Africa, Botswana and West Pakistan.

A Special Way to Help our Work

In this age of spiralling costs and galloping inflation, the expansion of a society like Church Army would be nigh impossible but for one factor. Throughout our history we have been enabled to develop new ministries and expand the effectiveness of our ongoing work because of legacies that have made possible debt free buildings such as the new Federal Office, the Bookshop at Newcastle and some of the houses used by our staff. Will you consider the future needs of the Church Army by remembering our work in your will.

Another Mission with Bishop Witt



Rev. Graeme MacRobb, Bishop Howell Witt and Sister Wendy Ferguson Missioning at Coff's Harbour.

Last year our College Principal and Sr. Wendy Ferguson were Associate Missioners to Bishop Howell Witt in a Mission he conducted at Coff's Harbour. Students from the College of Evangelism also contributed to the Mission conducting five separate Children's Missions in various parts of the parish and contributing to the evening services. Over the previous year the Church Army had acted as consultants to the parish, developing a parish Mission Education programme involving not just preparation for the Mission Week but, more importantly, preparation of the Parish to be a "Missionary Agency" itself in the Eighties.

This year the Society has been again invited to work with the Bishop in the Mission to Chester Hill in the Diocese of Sydney (April 26th - May 3rd). Mr. MacRobb will again be co-ordinating the whole programme and working with Bishop Witt in the evening services. Sister Ferguson will sing at the evening services and, as at Coff's Harbour, share with the Bishop in the ministry to large High School gatherings. Students from the College will lead the Children's ministry and assist in the evening programme through music, and drama. Church Army has again provided assistance to the parish in the provision of a "Mission Workshop" programme that helped parishioners to appreciate the relationship of the Mission Week to their own continuing Mission as the Church in that area.

Laity Training at the College

We are greatly encouraged by the unprecedented response to the external studies programme at our College. Over sixty people have enrolled in this year's programme. A majority have commenced a two year Biblical Studies course (using the Bethel Programme). Others are involved in "Leadership Development"; "Effective Teaching"; "Pastoral Care"; and "Evangelism".

Enabling the Enablers

"Making our Ministry more Effective" is the title given to the week of in-service training planned for clergy and others in full-time ministry. It is to be held at the College of Evangelism from Monday, 26th May to Friday 29th May. The course will particularly concentrate on the effectiveness in areas of counselling, teaching and preaching. Captain Gilbert Page will take a series of workshop sessions on counselling and the Rev. Graeme MacRobb will take sessions on "Communication and Teaching". In the evening there will be open seminars exploring aspects of parish life and how to make the ministry of the laity a reality. Clergy wishing to attend this course should write directly to the Principal (P.O. Box 107, French's Forest, N.S.W. 2086, or ring (02) 451-8395. Cost is $70.00 which includes accommodation.